



STATE OF THE STATE FACT SHEET 2023

The Office of Governor Mike Dunleavy

CLAIM: "Our credit outlook is improved, and our debts and liabilities are down."

SOURCE: Moody's Investors Service revised State of Alaska credit outlook from Stable to Negative (July 25, 2019); revised from Negative to Stable (April 22, 2021). S&P Global Ratings revised from Stable to Negative (April 17, 2020); revised from Negative to Stable (May 4, 2021); revised from Stable to Positive (March 21, 2022). Fitch Ratings revised from Stable to Negative (May 6, 2020); revised from Negative to Stable (April 13, 2022).

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Revenue
Pension payments in FY2019: \$263.5 million
Pension payments in FY2024: \$136.7 million
• Decrease of \$126.8 million, or 48.1 percent

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Revenue
PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities
FY2019: \$4.8 billion
FY2022: \$2.8 billion
• Decrease of 41.6 percent

TRS Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities
FY2019: \$1.4 billion
FY2022: \$709.2 million
• Decrease of 49.3 percent

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Revenue
Defined Benefit Funding Status (actuarial valuation)
PERS

FY2019: 78.4 percent
FY2022: 87.7 percent

TRS
FY2019: 85.9 percent
FY2022: 93.1 percent

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Revenue/2022 Fall Revenue Forecast
Oil Tax Credit balance
FY2019: \$837 million
FY2023 current outstanding balance: \$187 million
FY2024 remaining balance: \$43 million

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Revenue
Debt Service payments:
FY2019: \$302.5 million
FY2024: \$192.7 million
• Decrease of \$109.8 million, or 36.3 percent

CLAIM: "My proposed budget for operating spending next year is nearly 4 percent lower than the one I inherited in 2019."

SOURCE: [Office of Management and Budget](#)



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CLAIM: "As I stand here today, Alaska is fortunate in having the second-fewest deaths, and the fourth-lowest death rate per capita in the country ... We had the best survival rate in the country."

SOURCE: [As of Jan. 22, 2023](#), Alaska has 1,418 deaths attributed to COVID-19. Only Vermont has fewer deaths at 884. In deaths per capita, Alaska is fourth behind Hawaii, Vermont, and Utah. Alaska's survival rate is currently 0.49 percent compared to Hawaii (0.47 percent), Utah (0.48 percent), and Vermont (0.59 percent).

CLAIM: "We stabilized the ferry system with forward funding and are making it sustainable with a dedicated fund that's not subject to the annual sweep."

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Transportation, [HB 322](#) signed into law June 29, 2022

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Transportation, Alaska Marine Highway System Fund and Vessel Replacement Funds have a current combined balance of \$74.3 million; with \$41.1 million available for appropriation. Current AMHS Fund holds \$30.1 million in FY2022 compared to \$4.3 million in FY2020.

CLAIM: "Thanks again to bipartisan support, we've put record amounts of resources into Public Safety and protection as well, and we've grown our ranks of State Troopers and Village Public Safety Officers. When I took office, we had just 45 working VPSOs compared to nearly 100 in 2014. With increased funding and by working with our local partners to recruit and retain officers, we're now up to 68 at the end of 2022."

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Public Safety; funded State Trooper positions in FY2019 were 298 and 320 in FY2023.

CLAIM: "Our crime rate in 2021 declined to a 41-year low just four years after it reached a 19-year high in 2017."

SOURCE: Crime in Alaska Reports, [2021](#) and [2017](#).

CLAIM: "Capacity had shrunk to just 19 beds. The Chilkat adolescent unit had stopped taking admissions for youths in acute crisis. The facility was in danger of losing its ability to accept federal funds ... the bed capacity has increased from 19 to 71 under my administration. The adolescent unit reopened in May 2021 and is fully utilized today."

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Family and Children's Services; [Federal investigators found more 'substantial deficiencies' at API than at any other US hospital last year](#), Anchorage Daily News, Jan. 31, 2019



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CLAIM: "No less than 41 executive orders – 41 – have been filed by the current administration to strangle Alaska's promises of statehood."

SOURCE: Office of Senator Dan Sullivan (attached separately)

CLAIM: "We need legal resources, but we also need to fund research to defend ourselves against these Outside actions that threaten to close areas as large as Texas or California."

SOURCE: US Fish and Wildlife Service; National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

"The Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today designated more than 187,000 square miles of on-shore barrier islands, denning areas and offshore sea-ice as critical habitat for the threatened polar bear under the Endangered Species Act." [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Final Designation of Polar Bear Critical Habitat](#); Size of California: 163,000 square miles

SOURCE: "Each designation consists of several hundred thousand square miles of marginal ocean habitat extending well beyond the habitat that is biologically essential or "critical" to the seals. For each of the two species, the critical habitat is about the size of Texas. Together, the designations cover the Alaska coastline and all U.S. waters of the [northern Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas.](#)"; [State Frustrated by Vast Designations of Critical Habitat for Ringed and Bearded Seals off Alaska](#)

CLAIM: "Unfortunately ... the bills we filed last year were left on the table, in some cases without receiving even a single hearing."

SOURCE: Bill history, [HB 317](#), [HB 318](#), [HB 319](#)

CLAIM: "Last year, law enforcement seized 13.4 million potentially fatal doses of fentanyl here in Alaska. That's enough to kill the entire population of Alaska 18 times over."

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Public Safety